

ABSTRACT

[000397] A surgical retractor having a lateral rack with two longitudinal arms extending therefrom. At least one of the arms has a curved segment. It is preferable that the curved segment extend at least one third the length of the arm and be concavely oriented toward the opposing arm. By curving one or more arms it is helpful to provide an aperture intermediate the arms which more closely resemble the traditional retracted opening shape than has been done with prior art perpendicularly oriented arms.